



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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# Community Informational

**TUCSON SECTOR BORDER PATROL --** In an effort to improve our communications within the community, we are sending you this Community Informational to inform you of significant actions taken by Border Patrol Agents in the Tucson Sector Area of Responsibility. We are excited to provide you this insight into issues that may appear in the media. We would appreciate your feedback and constructive criticism on how we can better keep you informed. If you would like to see something added, let us know. If you prefer not to receive this information, or know of someone who would like to receive it, please email us at [tcfieldcommunicationsbranch@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:tcfieldcommunicationsbranch@cbp.dhs.gov). Finally, feel free to forward this to others who may benefit from this information. The following is a rundown of activities that occurred over the past week within the Tucson Sector.

### Significant Arrests

**(CASA GRANDE)** Agents assigned to the Casa Grande Station arrested an illegal alien on Tuesday who is affiliated with the Paisano gang. The subject admitted his affiliation to agents and was held for processing.

**(CASA GRANDE)** Casa Grande Station agents identified an illegal alien on Tuesday who has multiple convictions for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault and unlawful use of a weapon. The criminal history was discovered using the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). The subject is being held for prosecution.

**(CASA GRANDE)** Agents assigned to the Casa Grande Station arrested an illegal alien on Saturday who is affiliated with the Sureño gang. The subject admitted his affiliation to agents and was held for processing.

**(TUCSON)** Tucson Station agents identified an illegal alien on Friday who had ties to the Sureño gang and an active felony warrant for possession of dangerous drugs. The warrant was discovered using the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). The subject is being held for prosecution and will be turned over to the Tucson Police Department for extradition.

Criminal aliens, such as sex offenders and gang members, are some of the people attempting to enter the United States illegally. IAFIS assists agents in rapidly identifying these individuals so they can be brought to the appropriate law-enforcement resolution. The Border Patrol is committed to working with local, state, federal and tribal law enforcement agencies to prevent these individuals from entering our communities.



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### Rescues

**(CASA GRANDE)** Casa Grande agents received a report on Sunday of two illegal aliens in need of water in the West desert. Customs and Border Protection Office of Air and Marine (OAM) responded and were able to locate the subjects and supplied them with water. OAM assisted agents in locating the subjects location and they were taken to Tucson Coordination Center for processing.

**(NOGALES)** Agents assigned to the Nogales Station assisted Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Officers in locating a deceased individual Sunday. Agents located the deceased body of an illegal alien west of Amado, Arizona. The scene was turned over to the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office.

Tucson Sector has more than 200 EMTs and more than 3,300 agents ready to provide aid to those in need. BORSTAR agents partner with OAM on a daily basis to locate and rescue subjects who are lost and in distress in the desert. Smugglers continue to put peoples' lives in danger by leading them through the harsh desert terrain and often abandoning them when they are unable to keep up. The Tucson Sector had 585 rescues from Oct. 1, 2009, to Aug. 31, 2010.

### Seizures

**(CASA GRANDE)** Border Patrol agents assigned to the Casa Grande Station seized nearly 2,000 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than \$1.5 million on Monday. Agents working in the West Desert observed a suspicious vehicle driving off-road. Agents inspected the vehicle, which had been abandoned, and discovered 127 bundles of marijuana, weighing more than 1,990 pounds. A thorough search of the area was conducted for the smugglers to no avail. The vehicle and marijuana, with a value of more than \$1.5 million, were seized and taken to the Casa Grande Station for processing.

Due to collaborative efforts between state agencies such as DPS and Border Patrol, it is increasingly difficult for smugglers to transport contraband. From Oct. 1, 2009, to Aug. 31, 2010, the Tucson Sector Border Patrol seized more than 943,000 pounds of marijuana exceeding \$754 million in value.

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*To report illegal activity anytime and remain anonymous, call **1-877-USBP-HELP**. U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with managing and protecting our nation's borders at and between official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while also enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.*